



MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

Hatch Memorial Shell Lawn Renovation



DCR and The Esplanade Association Public Meeting

October 6th, 2014 7:30 pm – 8:30pm
Hill House, 127 Mt Vernon Street, Boston



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Governor

Deval L. Patrick

Energy and Environmental Secretary

Maeve Vallely Bartlett

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner

John P. Murray



DCR Mission Statement

*To protect, promote and enhance our
common wealth of natural, cultural
and recreational resources
for the well-being of all.*

Public/Private Partnership

- DCR is the property owner/manager.
- The Esplanade Association is supplying funding for design and construction services.
- DCR and The Esplanade Association are in partnership for the ongoing maintenance.



Mission Statement

To make life better on the Esplanade for millions of visitors each year, The Esplanade Association strives to:

- Preserve the historical vision and integrity of the Esplanade while accommodating present-day concerns.
- Improve the Esplanade's physical facilities, landscape, and adjacent waterways.
- Assure access to the park by people of all abilities.
- Enhance the Esplanade's cultural, educational, and recreational programs.
- Collaborate with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Purpose of Meeting

- To inform neighbors and stakeholders of the proposed improvements, construction schedule, and impacts
- To gather input from neighbors and stakeholders



Hatch Shell Memorial Lawn



View of 1934 music shell and Boat Haven

- The esplanade has hosted small concerts since 1910 and in 1929 Arthur Fielder conducted the first Pop's concert.
- In 1930's a small music shell and oval were created and then enlarged in 1940 with the construction of the current Hatch Shell.

Hatch Shell Memorial Lawn



- The lawn, defined by the elliptical perimeter path is approx 52,000 sf.
- In recent years, the lawn has been a venue for large concerts, festivals, charitable events, and passive recreation.



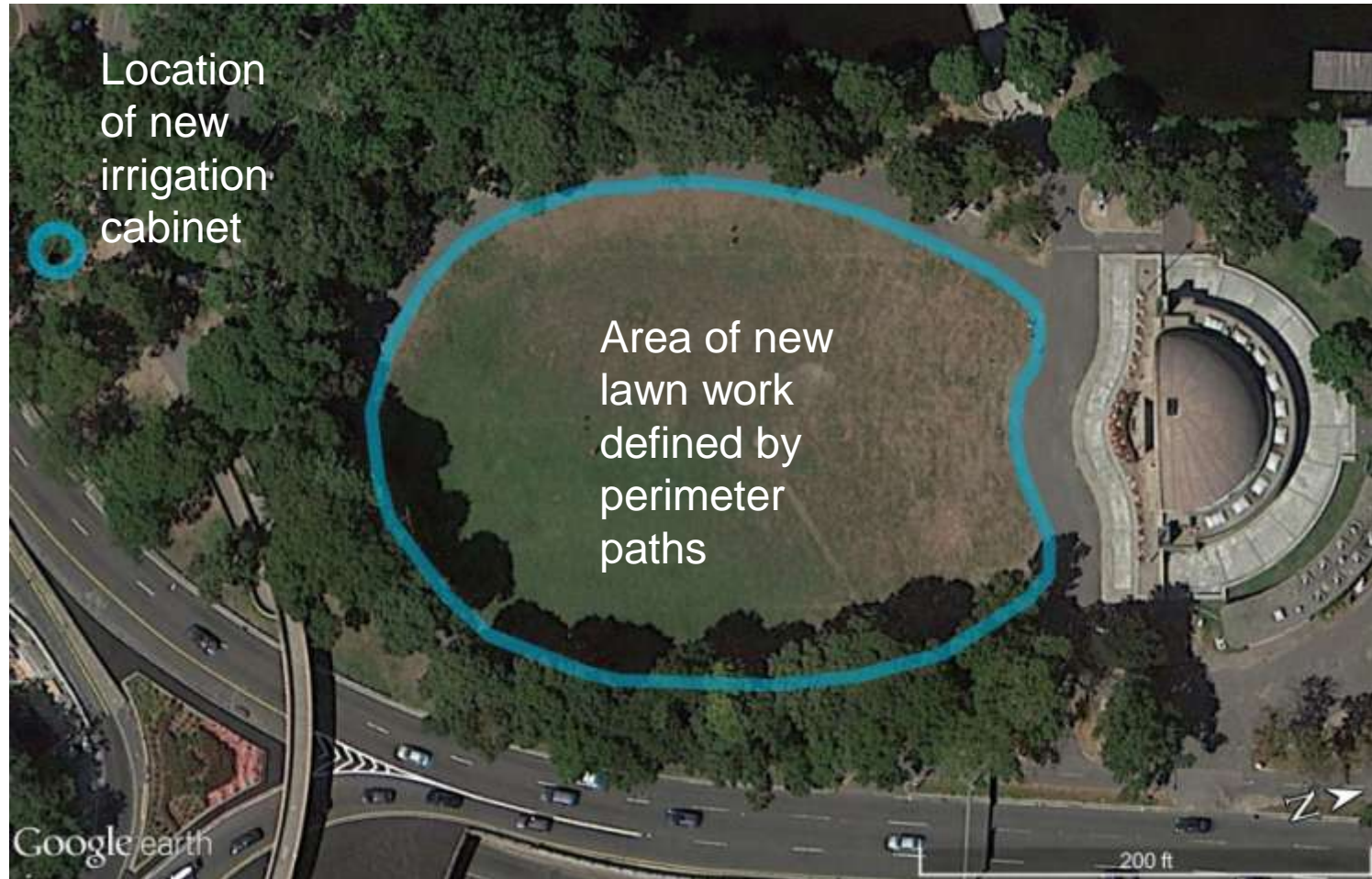
Project Goals

- Create a healthy stand of lawn that can better withstand high use common to public lawns.
- Improve and modernize infrastructure for music/video performances.

Design Team

- Halvorson Design Partnership
 - Landscape Architects – Prime Consultant
- VHB
 - Civil Engineers and Permitting
- Pine and Swallow
 - Soil Engineering
- Irrigation Consulting
 - Irrigation Design
- Architectural Engineers
 - Electrical Engineers

Project Area



Work limited to inside of oval and small area for irrigation cabinet near Playspace

Scope of Work

- Add irrigation
- Amend existing soils
- Add subsurface drainage
- Add audio/visual conduits



Source: HOK

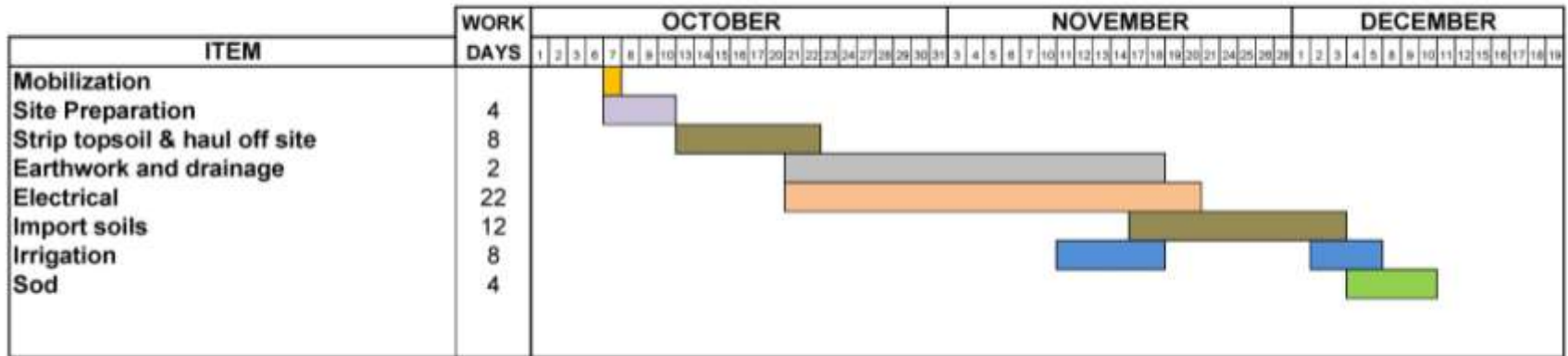
By Janet Loehrke, USA TODAY

Existing Conditions

- The existing lawn is in poor condition due to years of compaction.
- The existing lawn currently has no irrigation system.
- The existing soils are poorly draining and limited in organic content.
- The existing audio/visual conduits are damaged and in poor condition.

Project Timetable

Hatch Shell Renovation - Preliminary Schedule

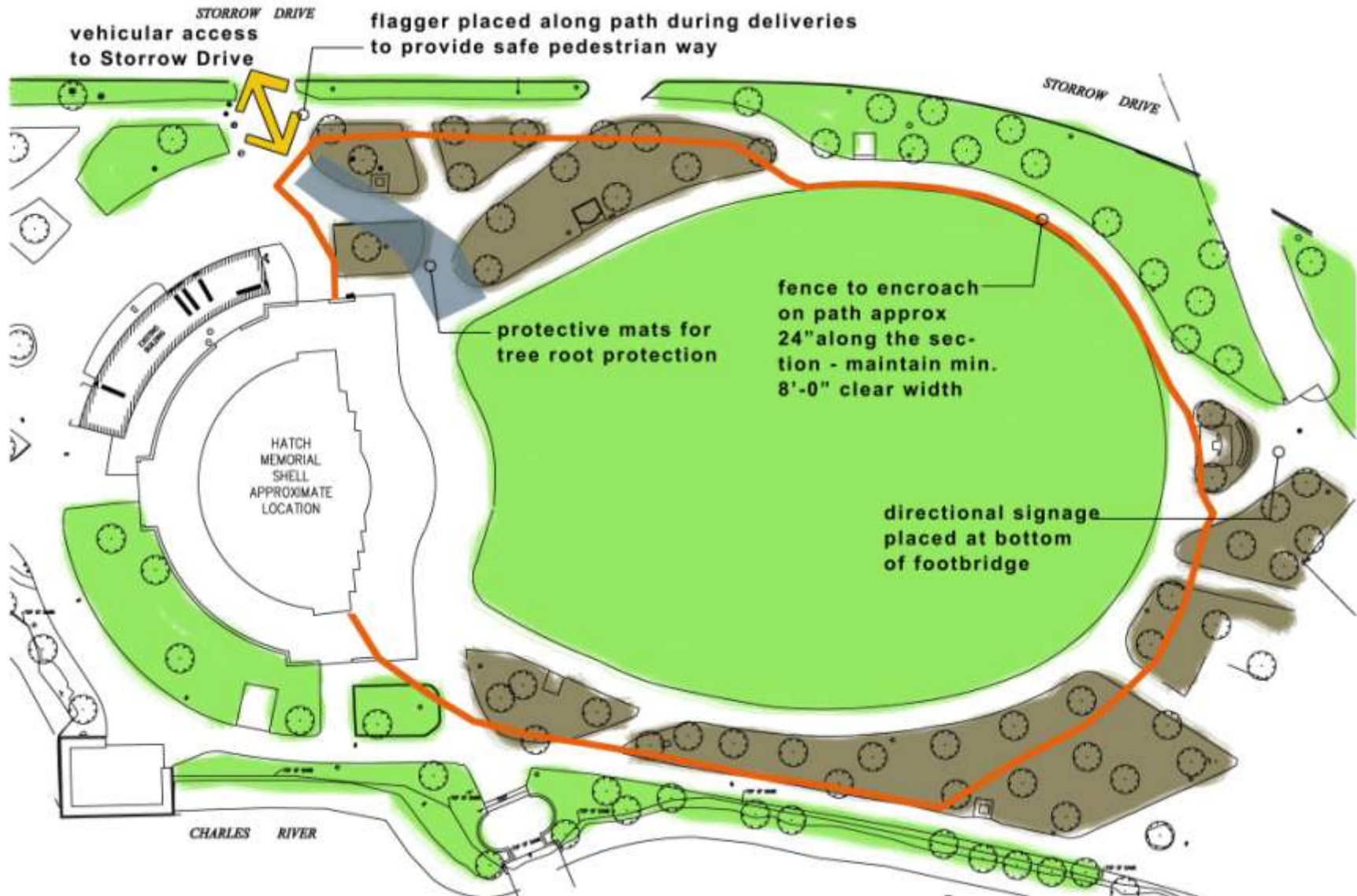


- All necessary permits have been coordinated – BWSC, Conservation Commission, Landmarks Commission, Chapter 91
- Contractor selection (Valley Crest) and preconstruction review have occurred
- Work hours: Weekdays- 7:00 am to 3:30 pm

Project Impacts

- Oval lawn will be fenced off from Fall 2014- Early Summer 2015.
- Secondary path perpendicular to oval will be closed from October through December 2014.(Primary circulation paths will remain open during construction.)
- Vehicular access will occur along the Hatch Shell Storrow Drive curb cut. Approx 6 trucks for 8 days at beginning and end of project.
- Minor construction noise

Project Impacts



Mitigation of Impacts

- Perimeter fence will be well maintained by Contractor and DCR.
- Path closures will be well marked and any work outside of oval will be done quickly to avoid disruption to pedestrian circulation.
- Police detail will be used to mitigate Storrow Drive traffic impacts.
- Water spray, tire cleaning and sweeping will be used to control dust as required.
- Existing trees will be protected with barriers and root protection.
- Working hours consistent with City of Boston.

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Questions and Answers

Next Steps

- Review input from tonight's meeting.
- Contractor will secure site this fall and begin construction.
- Construction window – October to December 2014
- Lawn reopens – Early Summer 2015.

Additional Information

For more information:

– Web: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/>

If you have questions or concerns or would like to be added to an email list to receive DCR general announcements:

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